Having, thus, described the invention, what is claimed is:

1. A food treatment apparatus, comprising a base unit and a canister for rotatable placement on the base unit;

said base unit comprising

a housing comprising a cradle section and a control panel section;

a vacuum pump disposed in the housing;

a control unit disposed in the housing;

a control panel on the housing and in electronic communication with the control unit;

at least one rotatable roller in the cradle section of the housing; and

an electric motor operatively connected to the rollers for causing rotation thereof;

said canister comprising a substantially cylindrical main body and a cover comprising a valve, said cover being sealably attachable to said main body.

2. The food treatment apparatus of claim 1, wherein said housing comprises a storage section formed therein, and a hinged cover over said storage section.

3. The food treatment apparatus of claim 1, wherein the cradle section of the housing has at least one arcuate cutout formed therein to allow a user to insert a hand below a portion of said canister as it rests on said cradle section.

4. The food treatment apparatus of claim 1, wherein said canister cover comprises a valve and handle assembly which allows air to enter said canister in an open position thereof.

5. The food treatment apparatus of claim 4, wherein said valve and handle assembly comprises a ball valve which is operatively connected to a handle, wherein pivoting movement of said handle causes corresponding responsive movement of said ball valve.

6. The food treatment apparatus of claim 1, wherein said main body of said canister is translucent.

7. The food treatment apparatus of claim 1, wherein the main canister body has a plurality of grooves formed in a side thereof, said grooves being alignable with rollers of said base unit.

8. The food treatment apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a vacuum line with a built-in fluid trap for interconnecting said base unit to said canister, wherein said vacuum line comprises a connection fitting for inserting into an opening in said canister valve, wherein said connection fitting has at least two O-ring seals thereon.

9. The food treatment apparatus of claim 1, wherein said base unit comprises four rollers, at least one of which is driven by said motor.

10. The food treatment apparatus of claim 1, wherein said base unit comprises a raised grid having air inlet slots formed therein.

11. A food treatment apparatus, comprising a base unit and a canister for rotatable placement on the base unit;

said base unit comprising

a housing comprising a cradle section and a control panel section, the housing having at least one vent opening formed therein;

a vacuum pump disposed in the housing;

a control unit disposed in the housing;

a control panel on the housing and in electronic communication with the control unit; and

at least one rotatable roller in the cradle section of the housing, and an electric motor operatively connected to the rollers for causing rotation thereof;

said canister comprising a substantially cylindrical main body which is substantially translucent, and a cover comprising a valve, said cover being sealably attachable to said main body.

12. The food treatment apparatus of claim 11, wherein said housing comprises a storage section formed therein, and a hinged cover over said storage section.

13. The food treatment apparatus of claim 11, wherein the cradle section of the housing has at least one arcuate cutout formed therein to allow a user to insert a hand

below a portion of said canister as it rests on said cradle section.

14. The food treatment apparatus of claim 11, wherein said canister cover comprises a valve and handle assembly which allows air to enter said canister in an open position thereof.

15. The food treatment apparatus of claim 14, wherein said valve and handle assembly comprises a ball valve which is operatively connected to a handle, wherein pivoting movement of said handle causes corresponding responsive movement of said ball valve.

16. The food treatment apparatus of claim 11, wherein the main canister body has a plurality of grooves formed in a side thereof, said grooves being alignable with the rollers of said base unit.

17. The food treatment apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a vacuum line with a built-in fluid trap for interconnecting said base unit to said canister, wherein said vacuum line comprises a connection fitting for inserting into an opening in said canister valve, wherein said connection fitting has at least two O-ring seals thereon.

18. The food treatment apparatus of claim 1, wherein said base unit comprises four rollers, at least one of which is driven by said motor.

19. A food treatment apparatus, comprising a base unit and a canister for rotatable placement on the base unit;

said base unit comprising

a housing comprising a cradle section and a control panel section;

a vacuum pump disposed in the housing;

a control unit disposed in the housing;

a control panel on the housing and in electronic communication with the control unit;

at least one rotatable roller in the cradle section of the housing; and

an electric motor operatively connected to the rollers for causing rotation thereof;

said canister comprising a substantially cylindrical main body and a cover comprising a valve, said cover being sealably attachable to said main body, wherein the main canister body has a plurality of grooves formed in a side thereof, said grooves being alignable with the rollers of said base unit..